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1. PLANNED FIVE-HUNDRED PERSON DEMONSTRATION PROTEST BY MARY COULTER, LEADER OF 1732 INC. FOR SATURDAY AM DECEMBER 11 ON US SIDE OF SAN YSIDRO PORT OF ENTRY WAS GENERAL FIZZLE WITH NO MORE THAN 15 DEMONSTRATORS AT ANY TIME.

2. AS REPORTED BY TELCON (REF C) DEMONSTRATION OCCURRED ON US SIDE OF BORDER ALONG 200 YARD LONG SECTION OF SIDEWALK USED BY PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC ENTERING MEXICO. SIDEWALK RUNS PARALLEL AND ADJACENT TO HIGHWAY (US ROUTE 5 TO BORDER).

3. DEMONSTRATORS CARRIED SIGNS AND HANDED OUT FLYERS TO PASSERSBY WITH SUGGESTION, "READ THIS, IT MAY KEEP YOU OUT OF JAIL IN MEXICO." FLYER, WHICH CONGEN FORWARDING BY SEPARATE AIRGRAM, INSTRUCTS TOURISTS ON HOW TO AVOID ARREST IN MEXICO: DO NOT USE OR CARRY DRUGS, BE PREPARED TO BRIBE MEXICAN POLICEMEN, SIGN CONFESSIONS IF ARRESTED, RATHER THAN UNDERGO TORTURING, AND DO NOT DEPEND UPON EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE, AS IT IS "POWERLESS." PLACARDS TYPICALLY WORDED AS FOLLOWS: "DEA-AMERICAN GESTAPO; DON'T GO TO MEXICO; STATE DEPARTMENT DENIES AMERICAN RIGHTS IN MEXICO; YANKEES STAY HOME; CLOSE THE BORDER; WHY DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT LET MEXICANS TORTURE AMERICANS;" AND "THE STATE DEPARTMENT SELLS US PARENTS TO MEXICO."

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4. ONE DEMONSTRATOR CARRIED LOUDSPEAKER, ASKING PASSERSBY TO PRAY IN SUPPORT OF "600 AMERICAN BROTHERS JAILED IN MEXICO WHO ARE ON HUNGER STRIKE," VOICED INVECTIVES AGAINST THE CORRUPT GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO, AND ASKED TOURISTS NOT TO ENTER MEXICO, AS "THEIR LIVES MAY BE IN DANGER." PLACARDS WERE ALSO PLACED ON CHAINLINK FENCE SEPARATING HIGHWAY FROM SIDEWALK, FOR READING FROM VEHICLES. DRIVERS APPEARED TO PAY LITTLE ATTENTION EITHER TO SIGNS OR DEMONSTRATION AND VEHICULAR TRAFFIC TO MEXICO WAS NOT IMPEDED.

5. DEMONSTRATION ORGANIZERS OBVIOUSLY PREPARED FOR LARGER NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS. PLACARDS WERE AVAILABLE FOR PASSERSBY WHO WISHED TO JOIN DEMONSTRATION, STACKED ON SIDEWALK AND ALONG SIDE OF VEHICLE IN NEARBY PARKING LOT; PEDESTRIANS ENTERING MEXICO HOWEVER SHOWED LITTLE INTEREST IN DEMONSTRATION, OTHER THAN TO ACCEPT FLYERS BEING DISTRIBUTED.

6. CONGEN OFFICER OBSERVED DEMONSTRATION SITE AGAIN AT 1345. ONLY TWO DEMONSTRATORS STILL CARRIED PLACARDS, AND SIGNS HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM FENCE ALONGSIDE THE HIGHWAY.

7. AT LEAST ONE SAN DIEGO TV STATION CARRIED PICTURES OF DEMONSTRATION AS LEAD ITEM ON EARLY EVENING NEWSCAST. TWO TIJUANA PAPERS REPORTED DEMONSTRATION ON INSIDE PAGES CHARACTERIZING IT AS EFFORT TO KEEP TOURISTS OUT OF MEXICO AND OMITTING EVEN HINT THAT FOCUS OF DEMONSTRATION WAS ON US PRISONERS.

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